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PSC APPROVES APPLICATION

Jefferson City (July 10, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by Aquila, Inc. (d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P) to construct, own and operate a 161 kilovolt electric transmission line in a portion of territory served by Kansas City Power & Light in Cass County. The proposed electric transmission line would extend into Aquila's certificated area in Cass County.

According to the application, the line is needed in order to continue to provide an adequate supply of electricity to Aquila's customers in Cass County. The project, according to the application, is required to meet existing reliability standards for projected near-term loads in Belton and Raymore and as part of Aquila's long-term plan to serve projected long-term load growth in northern Cass County.

On June 10, 2003, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its memorandum and recommended the application be approved. According to the PSC Staff, the proposed line is necessary to meet the growing electrical demand in this portion of Aquila's certificated service territory.

The Commission's order approving the application states: "The Commission finds it is necessary and convenient for the public interest for Aquila to construct and operate the transmission line as described in the application, and so will grant a certificate of convenience and necessity."

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